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SUBJECT: ODC SLOVENIA SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES REPORT,  
NOVEMBER 2005

[1](#)1. SUMMARY:

- RAYTHEON HAS BRIEFED THE SLOVENIANS ON TOW, JAVELIN AND STINGER WEAPON SYSTEMS.
- THE SLOVENIANS HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT THEY WILL BE SUBMITTING AN LOR FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE MILES AND IHITS SYSTEMS.
- WE HAVE A DISAM MET SCHEDULED FOR THE NEW SLOVENIAN FMS CASE MANAGERS IN JANUARY.
- THE SLOVENE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WILL BE INVITED TO CLOSE ONE OF THE MARSHALL CENTER PASS COURSES IN EITHER SUMMER OR FALL 2006.
- WE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A JCTP EVENT THAT PROVIDED THE SLOVENIAN NBC BN WITH THE INFORMATION THEY NEEDED TO DEVELOP AN EVALUATION PROGRAM FOR THEIR DEPLOYABLE NATO RESPONSE FORCES.
- WE'VE SUBMITTED A CONCEPT SHEET COORDINATING A VISIT WITH U.S. PERSONNEL INVOLVED WITH THE ACQUISITION, PLANNING, AND PROGRAMMING OF THE STRYKER BRIGADES. THIS SUPPORTS SLOVENIA'S FUTURE TRANSITION TO THEIR 8X8 VEHICLES.
- WE BRIEFED THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MR FRANCI ZNIDARSIC, ON PROGRAM STATUS AND WAY AHEAD. WE GAINED HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR OUR WAY AHEAD.

[1](#)2. KEY ISSUES AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS:

[1](#)A. FMS:

- 1) RAYTHEON REPRESENTATIVES (MR LARRY CASPER AND MRS INGRID WALLING) MET WITH THE SLOVENIAN GENERAL STAFF TO DISCUSS THE TOW, JAVELIN, AND STINGER MISSILE SYSTEMS FOR POTENTIAL INCORPORATION INTO THEIR FUTURE 8X8 ARMORED INFANTRY FIGHTING VEHICLE. THE SLOVENIANS ARE INTERESTED IN ADDING AN ANTITANK CAPABILITY TO THESE VEHICLES AND HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD PURSUE IT THROUGH THE FMS SYSTEM USING HOST NATION FUNDS. WE EXPECT SLOVENIA TO SUBMIT AN LOR FOR P&A DATA IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- 2) THE SLOVENIANS HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED THAT THEY ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING THE MILES AND IHITS SYSTEMS. MR MIKE DAVID OF CUBIC CORPORATION HAD BRIEFED THE SLOVENIANS IN LATE SEPTEMBER 2005 ON BOTH THESE SYSTEMS. THE SLOVENIANS HAVE THE MONEY SET ASIDE AND WOULD SUBMIT THE LOR IN 2006 FOR 2008 DELIVERY. WE ARE STANDING BY FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A FORMAL REQUEST.
- 3) VISIBILITY OVER FMS SHIPMENTS HAS IMPROVED AND NOW THAT WE'VE UPDATED SLOVENIA'S MAPAD THIS SHOULD CONTINUE IMPROVING.

[1](#)B. DCA: NSTR

[1](#)C. IMET:

- 1) NOVEMBER WAS A STUDENT-OUTPROCESSING DOWNTIME, WITH ONLY ONE SENIOR MOD OFFICIAL ATTENDING E-IMET IDARM COURSE. ONLY ONE STUDENT STILL REMAINS TO BE OUTPROCESSED IN FY 05.
- 2) THE FIRST FY 06 STUDENT WILL REPORT TO THE SCHOOL ON 27 DECEMBER.
- 3) DISAM WILL CONDUCT A 3-DAY FOREIGN PURCHASER MET (10-12 JANUARY) FOR THE FMS CASE MANAGERS AND 1-DAY EXECUTIVE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS. THE MET HAS RECEIVED A GREAT SUPPORT BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, WHO WILL OPEN THE EVENT. THIS TRAINING COURSE IS THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT STEP IN TRANSITIONING THE DAY-TO-DAY FMS CASE MANAGEMENT FROM THE ODC TO DEDICATED SLOVENIAN CASE MANAGERS.

[1](#)D. MARSHALL CENTER:

- 1) THE ODC COORDINATED A 2-DAY VISIT OF THE MARSHALL CENTER FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SLOVENIAN MOD PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT, MOD TRAINING CENTER AND THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE. THE GROUP WAS

ESCORTED BY THE ODC TRAINING PROGRAM MANAGER AND THE FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED:

A) ACCREDITATION OF THE MARSHALL CENTER COURSES:  
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS LOOKING INTO INCLUDING THE PASS AND THE PTSS SEMINARS INTO THEIR EDUCATION PROGRAMS AS ELECTIVE COURSES. SINCE PARTICIPANTS WOULD RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THESE COURSES IT WOULD MOTIVATE MORE MOD PERSONNEL TO PARTICIPATION IN THESE MARSHALL CENTER PROGRAMS.

B) ORGANIZATION OF PROPOSED CONFERENCE:  
THE MOD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN CO-HOSTING A REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2007. THIS WOULD BE AN INTERAGENCY EVENT AT THE SLOVENE GOVERNMENT LEVEL WITH PROPOSED TOPICS BEING THREATS TO SECURITY, COMBATING ILLICIT TRAFFICKING OR COUNTERTERRORISM INITIATIVES IN THE REGION.

C) THE MARSHALL CENTER IS CONSIDERING SENDING A GUEST SPEAKER TO THE SLOVENE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE.

2) THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE NOMINATED ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE UPCOMING PASS COURSE. THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAD THE SECOND SLOT AND IS CURRENTLY UNABLE TO NOMINATE AN ELLIGIBLE CANDIDATE.

3) THE SLOVENE INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY NOMINATED ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE PTSS COURSE. WE THANK THE MARSHALL CENTER FOR OFFERING THIS SEAT SINCE SLOVENIA WASN'T IN THE ORIGINAL SEAT ALLOCATIONS FOR THIS CLASS.

4) THE SLOVENE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WILL BE INVITED TO CLOSE ONE OF THE PASS COURSES IN EITHER SUMMER OR FALL 2006.

#### E. MIL-TO-MIL:

1) COORDINATION FOR 8 MIL-MIL EVENTS AND A SMALL UNIT EVENT FOR FY 2006 IS ON-GOING. COORDINATION FOR 5 JCTP EVENTS FOR FY 2007 HAS BEGUN. ALL EVENTS CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON NATO FORCE GOALS.

2) FOUR SLOVENES FROM THE 18TH NBC BATTALION TRAVELED TO THE NBC SCHOOL AT FT LEONARDWOOD AND THEN TO THE 2ND CHEM BN AT FT HOOD. THIS EVENT FOCUSED ON U.S. CBRN ARTEPS AND HOW A BATTALION EVALUATES PLATOON AND COMPANY READINESS. THIS EVENT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN PROVIDING THE INFORMATION THEY NEEDED TO DEVELOP AN EVALUATION PROGRAM FOR THEIR DEPLOYABLE NATO RESPONSE FORCES.

3) THE SLOVENES HAVE ASKED OUR OFFICE TO COORDINATE A VISIT TO PERSONNEL THAT ARE INVOLVED WITH THE ACQUISITION, PLANNING, AND PROGRAMMING OF THE STRYKER BRIGADES. SLOVENIA IS IN THE PROCESS OF ACQUIRING 8X8 VEHICLES AND THEY WANT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF BUDGETING, PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING FOR THIS VEHICLE AND UNIT. A CONCEPT SHEET HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR THIS OUT OF CYCLE REQUEST.

#### 3. PERSONNEL/RESOURCES/LOGISTICS:

##### A. PERSONNEL:

1) PERSPECTIVE GAINS: NONE

2) PERSPECTIVE LOSSES: NONE

3) ATTACHED PERSONNEL: NONE

4) ODC CHIEF APPROVED TDY/LEAVE:  
LEAVE, MAJ FREDERICKSEN, 27 DEC 05 THROUGH 3 JAN 06.

5) RATING SCHEME CHANGES: NONE

6) EXTENSIONS/CURTAILMENTS: NONE

B. RESOURCES. VEHICLES AND ADP EQUIPMENT ARE 100% OPERATIONAL.

##### 4. WAY AHEAD (UPCOMING EVENTS): NSTR

5. CHIEF COMMENTS: THIS MONTH WE BRIEFED THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MR FRANCI ZNIDARSIC, ON PROGRAM STATUS AND WAY AHEAD. WE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY OUR DCM, MARYRUTH COLEMAN. THE BRIEFING WENT VERY WELL WITH OUR PRIMARY GOAL BEING TO GAIN HIS SUPPORT FOR THE APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF DEDICATED SLOVENIAN FMS CASE MANAGERS. HIS RESPONSE EXCEEDED ALL OF OUR EXPECTATIONS WITH HIS FULL SUPPORT AND PERSONAL LETTER TO HIS STAFF REQUESTING THEIR FULL SUPPORT.

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